

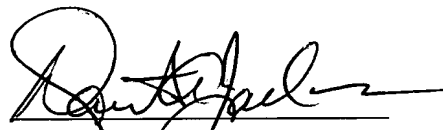
REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted herewith to add the Abstract to the Specification and to reduce multiple dependencies and to conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice.

The amendments made herein are with respect to Claims 1-9, which claims were amended during the pendency of the International Application. A copy of Claims 1-9 are enclosed herewith and attached hereto. Applicant requests that these claims be considered as a record presently and therefore correspond to the claims as originally presented in the processing of the present application in the National Phase before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Confirmation that Claims 1-9 as attached are already the claims as filed and pending herein, entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS:

- 05 1. A bed or mattress including a plurality of pocketed springs and
a base to which said springs or some at least of said springs are
directly or indirectly secured, said base being movable in the axial
direction of said springs so as to vary the compression of said springs
or some at least of said springs, an upper surface of said bed or
10 mattress remaining in the same horizontal plane or substantially the
same horizontal plane regardless of the degree of compression of said
springs or some at least of said springs and the position of said base.
2. A bed or mattress according to Claim 1, wherein said pocketed
15 springs are single pocketed springs, double pocketed springs,
pocketed springs arranged in end-to-end and co-axial relationship, or
a combination thereof.
3. A bed or mattress according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein
20 said pocketed springs are arranged in rows each surrounded or

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partially surrounded by fabric or other suitable material.

05 4. A bed or mattress according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein
two rows, three rows or more are each surrounded by a single piece
of fabric or other suitable material.

5. A bed or mattress according to Claim 3, wherein the rows of
10 springs or some of the rows of springs are secured directly to said
base.

6. A bed or mattress according to Claim 3, wherein adjacent rows
of springs or groups of rows of springs are adhesively secured
15 together and a bar or other means is located between said rows or
groups of rows of springs.

7. A bed or mattress according to any of Claims 1 to 6, wherein
said base is formed of a plurality of sections movable independently
20 of one another so that the compression of the springs may be varied

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in selected areas or in a selected area of said bed or mattress.

05 8. A bed or mattress according to any of Claims 1 to 6, wherein
said base is formed as a single structure.

9. A bed or mattress according to Claim 7 or Claim 8, wherein
said base or a part or parts of said base is/are moved in the axial
10 direction of the springs by one or more air bags, screw motors,
electric motors, or by means of jack handle(s) or by any other suitable
means.

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